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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR SL OVIP (STEVENS, SIAKAP.)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT STEVENS TRAVEL TO US

REF: FREETOWN 627

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MINAH CALLED AMBASSADOR AFTERNOON MARCH 11 TO SAY STEVENS WILL DELAY TRIP TO U.S. UNTIL AFTER HE OPENS AFRICAN LABOUR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE MARCH 29. MINAH GUESSED STEVENS ETD BETWEEN MARCH 30 AND APRIL 2. MINAH SAID HE WAS GOING TO INSTRUCT AMBASSADOR PALMER IN WASHINGTON TO MAKE URGENT REQUEST FOR HIGHEST LEVEL MEETINGS AT IBRD AND IMF.

2. MINAH ALSO REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR PRESIDENT STEVENS WITH PRESIDENT FORD. HE SAID MINFORAFF PREPARING NOTE VERBALE REQUESTING SUCH APPOINTMENT.

3. HE PRE-EMPED COMMENT BY SAYING GOSL AWARE OF PROBLEM PRESENTED BY SHORT NOTICE, BUSY SCHEDULE OF PRESIDENT FORD, ESPECIALLY DURING PRIMARIES' TIME, AND "RELATIVE UNIMPORTANCE OF SIERRA LEONE" BUT NEVERTHELESS FELT THAT EVEN SHORT VISIT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY BE BETTER ABLE TO LEARN STATUS MEETINGS WITH IBRD AND IMF IN WASHINGTON. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S KEEPING US INFORMED, INCLUDING REACTIONS SUGGESTIONS REFTEL.

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